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In re Patent Application of:

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Art Unit: 2612

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Examiner: J. Whipkey

For: P-TYPE RESET/READOUT CIRCUITRY  
WITH N-TYPE PHOTODIODE FOR  
RADIATION HARD APS

COMMENTS ON STATUS

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Dear Sir:

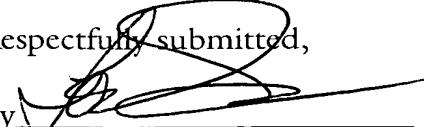
Applicant's representative contacted the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (PTO) today to receive an update on this status of this case, and specifically, whether the Examiner had acted on the Request for Reconsideration filed by the Applicant on October 12, 2004. Applicant's representative was told that the Examiner assigned to this case has changed from Examiner Vu to Examiner Whipkey. Further, Examiner Whipkey stated that he has reviewed the Request for Reconsideration and that the arguments made therein have merit. Accordingly, he stated that Applicant can expect to receive either a Notice of Allowance or a new Office Action.

Based on the status of this case as it has been explained to us, we are not filing for an Extension of Time at this point, as all outstanding rejections have been

withdrawn and we are awaiting further action by the PTO. It is submitted that each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue.

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Respectfully submitted,

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